



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Venkat V. Easwar

Serial No: 09/713,561

Filed: November 15, 2000

For: Polynomial Based Multi-Level Screening

TI-20375

Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich

Conf. No.: 4015

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO §1.97(c)**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)**

**PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

MAILING CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)  
I hereby certify that the above correspondence is being deposited  
with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope  
addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 7, 2004.

  
Robin E. Barnum

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the information noted on the enclosed PTO-1449. Copies of the noted references are enclosed herewith.

Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

The undersigned attorney certifies according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that the references cited in the accompanying prior art statement came to the attention of the Applicants by citation in a European Search Report on a European patent application claiming priority from this application. This European Search Report was dated July 29, 2004, which is less than three months from the date of filing of this Prior Art Statement.

The Applicants respectfully petition for consideration of this prior art statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c).

This Information Disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance and within three months of citation in a foreign counterpart application. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,



Texas Instruments Incorporated  
P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999  
Dallas, TX 75265  
(972) 917-5290

Robert D. Marshall, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicant(s)  
Registration No. 28,527

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box ☐

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitution for Form 1449A/PTO <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (use as many sheets as necessary)		<b>Complete If Known</b>	
		Application Number	
Sheet	1	of	1
		Attorney Docket No.	TI-20375

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
	AA	6,064,396 A			**Translation of JP 08 125865 A (Ricoh KK)
	AB				
	AC				
	AD				
	AE				
	AF				
	AG				
	AH				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
	BA	EP	0 634 862 A		AGFA-GEVAERT	1/18/95
	BB	EP	0 899 943 A		Fuji Photo Film Co.	3/3/99
	BC	JP	08 125865 A		Ricoh KK	5/17/96
	BD					
	BE					
	BF					
	BG					
	BH					

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	CA		
	CB		
	CC		
	CD		
	CE		
	CF		
	CG		
	CH		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.